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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYERS AND NOTICE OF
AVAILABLE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS."**

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- 1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) Each employer shall (1)
- 3 post in a conspicuous place, or (2) annually distribute with employee
- 4 W-2 forms, a notice of the availability of earned income credit
- 5 allowable under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
- 6 any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
- 7 States, as from time to time amended, in the official language of the
- 8 state. For the purposes of this section, "employer" means a person
- 9 engaged in business who has employees, including the state and any
- 10 political subdivision thereof."
- 11 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 12 internal references accordingly:

13 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) The English language
14 shall be the official language of the state. Neither the state nor any
15 political subdivision of the state shall require by statute, ordinance,
16 regulation, order, program or policy the use in the state of any
17 language other than English. Governmental officials and employees
18 shall be bound by the provisions of this section during the
19 performance of government business. No governmental document
20 shall be valid, effective or enforceable unless it is printed in the English
21 language. The state and all political subdivisions of the state shall take
22 all reasonable steps to preserve, protect and enhance the role of the
23 English language as the official language of the state. Notwithstanding
24 any provision of this section, the state and political subdivisions of the
25 state may act in a language other than English (1) to assist students
26 who are not proficient in the English language by providing
27 educational instruction in languages other than English to provide a
28 rapid as possible transition to English, (2) to provide foreign language
29 instruction as part of a required or voluntary education curriculum, (3)
30 to allow for Latin on the state seal and on government documents, (4)
31 to allow legislators to communicate with constituents in languages
32 other than English, (5) to comply with federal laws, (6) to protect
33 public health and safety, and (7) to protect the rights of criminal
34 defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this section shall prohibit
35 the printing of proper names."